

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

January 8, 2013 to February 5, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal approval action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

USDOT/Federal Transit Administration

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Virginia Railway Express (VRE) proposes to construct the Spotsylvania Third Track project in Spotsylvania County. The proposed project includes the construction of approximately 8,400 feet of new mainline track to the east of the existing two-track rail corridor of CSX Transportation for the VRE Crossroads Yard (approximately 1,900 feet south of the US Route 17 overpass bridge) to the at-grade crossing at Mine Road. Approximately 5,700 feet of existing siding track north of Mine Road would be upgraded to mainline track standards. The new track (south of Mine Road) would be constructed approximately 15 feet east of the centerline of the existing tracks while the upgraded track (north of Mine Road) would be shifted a couple of feet east to improve alignment. A siding track would be constructed at the southern terminus of the proposed project to provide access to the VRE Crossroads Yard and a proposed VRE passenger station/platform (by others). The project would include the extension of the existing arch structure over Massaponax Creek and would include modification to track turnouts and crossovers approximately 1,000 feet north of the Route 3 overpass. Improvements would be constructed within existing CSX Transportation right-of-way. VRE has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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